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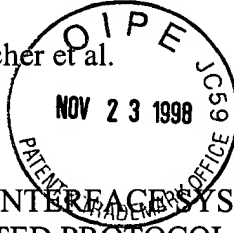
In re Application of Laurence B. Boucher et al.

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METHOD FOR ACCELERATED PROTOCOL PROCESSING



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Preliminary Amendment

Sir:

Review of the above-referenced application has revealed some typographical errors, which this Preliminary Amendment seeks to correct.

In the Drawings:

In FIG. 5, please add the tag line for element 90, as shown in red on the enclosed amended drawing.

In the Specification:

On page 22, lines 21 and 22, please replace the abbreviation "MH" with the abbreviation --MHz--.

On page 12, line 23, please replace the word "comparator" with the word --comparator--.

On page 25, line 1, please replace the word "comparator" with the word --comparator--.